

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5           A vapor permeable article includes a porous backing substrate and an open fabric applied  
to one surface of the backing substrate. The open fabric has a greater porosity than that of  
the backing substrate. The open fabric is coated with an adhesive in such a manner that the  
open fabric remains porous and vapor permeable. The coated article can have a greater  
tensile strength in the cross direction than in the machine direction, and the adhesive can  
10          penetrate into at least a portion of a thickness of the porous backing.